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Subject: FW: Report - Tailpipe Emissions Are SAFE: Trump Fuel Economy Reform Will Not Cause Air Pollution Deaths

This morning, CEI released a new report titled "[Will the Trump Fuel Economy Reform Proposal Create Deadly Air Pollution?](#)" Authored by [Steve Milloy](#), the founder and publisher of JunkScience.com and a former CEI adjunct scholar, the paper debunks false claims that the Trump administration plan to scale back government fuel efficiency mandates poses an offsetting risk of deaths from increased tailpipe emissions.

Opponents of the administration's Safe Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule claim the proposal's lives-saved claim should be offset by deaths resulting from increased emissions of air pollutants associated with the rollback of mileage standards. The CEI report shows that available scientific and real-world evidence fail to link soot and dust in outdoor air (known as particulate matter) with death. Thus, the benefit-cost analysis for the SAFE rule—or any other Environmental Protection Agency rule—should not consider those unjustified claims.

Link to paper: [Will the Trump Fuel Economy Reform Proposal Create Deadly Air Pollution?](#)

Link to press release: [Report - Tailpipe Emissions Are SAFE: Trump Fuel Economy Reform Will Not Cause Air Pollution Deaths](#)

Link to CEI tweet: <https://twitter.com/ceidotorg/status/1052529772377595904>

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Daily Caller: Study Supports Trump's Claims that Vehicle Regulation Rollback will Save Lives

By Jason Hopkins

<https://dailycaller.com/2018/10/17/cei-report-vehicle-standards-rollback/>

A new report reportedly debunks claims that the Trump administration is placing more people at risk of death with its plan to freeze the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency announced a plan in August to roll back vehicle emission standards established during the Obama era. The Trump administration argues that this regulation overhaul will give relief to consumers and save lives by reducing traffic fatalities. The rollback — referred to as the Safe Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule — is expected to prevent 1,000 traffic fatalities per year.

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In a response to these claims, the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) released a report Wednesday that breaks down why this claim is incorrect. Namely, CEI finds that there is no real evidence to suggest that particulate matter (PM), dust and soot in outside air, causes death.

Their study, authored by Steve Milloy, focused on the science behind PM, which can come from both natural and man-made sources. Natural sources include instances such as forest fires and volcanic eruptions. Examples of man-made sources include smoking, smokestacks and tailpipes.

CEI lists studies, with evidence available for the public, that document humans developing no harm from inhaling PM, despite "secret science" studies in the past that have suggested otherwise.

“It is clear that the available evidence fails to link PM2.5 in outdoor air with death. Therefore, a benefit-cost analysis for the SAFE rule need not concern itself with PM2.5 and death,” the CEI report concluded. “Whatever minor changes in PM2.5 levels that might be brought about by the proposed SAFE rule — PM2.5 levels could slightly increase or even decrease because of the rule — will not cause or prevent deaths or change death rates.”